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Dear Commissioner Henney,

I am writing to you out of concern for the topic of the Bovine Growth Hormone. I would like you to please consider my point of view and the supporting reasons I've included.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.
Respectfully,
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The Bovine Growth Hormone

I believe the Bovine Growth Hormone is completely unethical. If it is illegal for a human to ingest growth hormones such as steroids, why isn't it illegal for people to give them to animals? I think giving an animal a growth hormone is an unfair thing to do to the animal considering they can't offer an opinion, and its hurting their bodies not the persons giving it to them. Its unhealthy for the people who intake the food and it's dishonest not to label products that are treated with B.G.H. (*The Bovine Growth Hormone*) third I feel strongly that giving an animal B.G.H. is cheating when it comes to marketing their products.

What good does B.H.G. do for the cow? Absolutely nothing!

Studies show 79% of cows treated with B.H.G. had increases in mastitis (infection of the udder) resulting in a greater need for antibiotics, reduced pregnancy rates, cystic ovaries and uterine disorders, digestive disorders and laceration, enlargements and calluses of the knee. In addition it effects the nutritional value of milk, and causes milk to sour before its time. " B.G.H. it isn't necessary. US dairy farmers already produce an abundance of milk- more, in fact , than the public consumes. (<http://euphoria.benjerry.com/bhg/index.html>)

What does B.G.H. do to the body? "Research shows that milk and dairy consumption has increased by 21% from 1950 to 1975. Strokes have increased 38%, heart disease has increased 35%, breast cancer rates increased 77 percent, colon cancer increased 77%, and lung cancer increased by 300%! In Japan it made young girls and boys force puberty faster. Dr. Prudden uses

Bovine Cartilage to cure some types of cancer and only 31 of his patients survived.” According to Dr. Prudden.

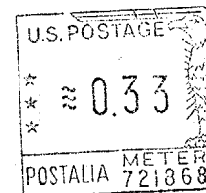
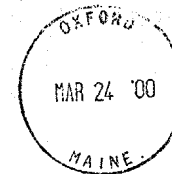
Third, another topic I would like to cover is the fact that a lot of items sold in stores are not labeled. If an item is treated with the bovine hormone it should be labeled. Not labeling it is dishonest and many companies admit losing money to BGH; \$500 million to \$1 billion annually, "B.G.H is a drain" said Christopher Willis a chemical industry analyst at Schroder, Werthaim & Co. If cow farmers choose to *cheat* and use the bovine growth hormone they should at least let the consumers know what they are buying.

In conclusion I would like to add that B.H.G. is hurting animals, hurting people, and hurting the economy. I believe banning the bovine growth hormone would be in the best interests of everyone. I hope I have convinced you that B.H.G. is wrong and unfair to do to the animals, and the consumers. Banning B.G.H.

will help everyone. For example if a person consumes foods treated with B.G.H. and they become ill, the company manufacturing that product is responsible for the persons illness and should take responsibility considering they chose not to label their products. I recommend making it a law that all products that are treated with B.G.H. should have to be labeled or will not be able to be sold in stores. Or just ban B.G.H. all together than you would be saving the people of the public and the cows owners that use B.G.H. on there animals.

if you would like to know more about the Bovine Growth Hormone or if you would like comment on the use of the Growth Hormone, visit Ben & Jerry's web site @www.benjerry.com or visit www.yahoo.com search words, "Bovine Growth Hormone" or visit www.bovine.org.

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